

Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVENING, MAR. 29, 1907.

Local Matters.

Sea and Tide Table.
Sun rises tomorrow at 5:49 a. m. and sets at 6:52 p. m. High water at 8:12 a. m. and 8:57 p. m.

Weather Probabilities.
For this section partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; light to fresh southerly winds.

The Trial of Johnson.

As was stated in the Gazette, the prosecution in the case of William Johnson, colored, now on trial in the Corporation Court charged with killing Charles T. Smith, yesterday rested its case, after which witnesses for the defense were put on the stand.

After the report closed, yesterday, Walter Slocum, who lives in West End, was called. He was across the street when Smith was shot. A week before the shooting he passed two negroes on the Virginia House corner and the taller man said, "Come on, Robinson, and let's go down the street." He could not tell anything about the height of the man who was running after Smith was shot. Mr. Brent asked Slocum if he knew anything else about the murder and he said "yes," but it developed that it was hearsay, and he was excused.

Grace Bera, colored, told volubly of the trouble in the circus tent between "Frank" and another colored man. She proved a veritable human phonograph and caused considerable amusement in the court room. Her evidence was unimportant in its bearing on the case.

Sarah Johnson, wife of the prisoner, told of the disturbance on the fair grounds before the killing of Smith when she said fifteen or twenty shots were fired. She identified a coat near the scene of the shooting as being the property of Johnson. During her examination, which had no direct bearing upon the circumstances immediately surrounding the murder, Johnson leaned forward and listened intently.

Maggie Johnson, colored, who followed, testified that Johnson came to her house on Queen street three times on the night of the shooting. Once, she said, she noticed that he was bareheaded and had been shot in the leg. This, witness said, was before Smith was shot. She asserted that he came back to her house the day after the killing of Smith. She said she had not informed the police of his visits for fear that she would be killed by Frank Robinson, who, declared, had threatened her with death if she ever told the police anything concerning himself and his friends.

At the conclusion of the woman's testimony court adjourned. When court adjourned Johnson was handcuffed, to a guard and, surrounded by the military company, was marched to the corner of King and Fairfax streets, where he was put on an electric car and taken back to the county jail to remain till this morning.

Shortly before the court adjourned for the day Attorney Brumback, for the defense, asked the court to instruct the jury to disregard all references to the trial from the newspapers, that the members of the jury be allowed to read, and the request was granted. A witness who is expected to be of considerable importance to one side or the other arrived in Alexandria unexpectedly last night. He is Fred Brooks, an Englishman, who says he was within a few feet of Smith when he was killed and he claims that he can identify the man who fired the fatal shot. Since then he has enlisted in the Marine Corps, and he stated last night that his visit here at this time is a mere coincidence, as he did not know before his arrival that the trial was in progress. Brooks stated last night that if Midgents is the guilty man he will recognize him instantly.

Brooks went to the station house this morning and saw Johnson. He positively identified him as the man who shot Smith. Johnson was brought back to this city shortly before nine o'clock by the military company. Many people were again gathered at King and Fairfax streets where the soldiers and their charge left the train.

After the court opened Mr. Smith asked for the production of the photograph by which Officer Garvey is alleged to have identified the prisoner, and the court announced that he could secure its introduction by following the rules of practice.

Madison Johnson, colored, identified a light hat as one which Maggie Johnson, his uncle's wife, gave him about two months ago. On cross-examination he said he gave the hat back to Maggie Johnson yesterday morning at her request, but that she did not tell him what she wanted with it.

Betty Eizie, colored, said she was at Maggie Johnson's house the night of October 20 and a man came in and walked through the house. He said nothing. Maggie Johnson followed him into a back room and returned in a few minutes, but the man did not return. He had on dark clothes and a light hat. She said she would not be able to recognize the man.

Mr. Brumback told the court that he was afraid the jury had not fully understood Maggie Johnson's testimony, and at his request she was recalled. She repeated her story of three visits made to her house by Johnson on the night of October 20, and said he had been shot in the leg. It was then about 8 o'clock. She gave him a hat and he left, but returned again Sunday night about dark and she gave him something to eat.

Dr. S. B. Moore testified that he had examined the wound in Johnson's leg and that it would be natural for him to limp an hour after he was shot. He was evidently still wheeling. The bullet, he said, is still in the man's leg. Gertrude Robinson was recalled. She said Robinson had a blue steel .44 calibre Colt's revolver and she thought Johnson had a .38 calibre nickel-plated pistol. Mr. Brent asked her if she had not stated to Mr. Cox or Mr. Candler that Johnson's .38 calibre pistol did not work well and he had exchanged it for a .44 calibre. She could not recollect having made any such statement.

Mr. Smith asked the court to call Philip Rush, who had been summoned by the prosecution and not called. Mr. Brent contended that the name of Mr. Rush was not on the indictment and the court had no right to call him.

The prisoner was subsequently placed on the stand. He said his right name is George Midgents. When asked where he was the night of October 20 last, he

replied, "In several places." Mr. Brumback then asked the prisoner to tell his story of his movements on the Saturday the killing of Smith occurred. He said at 5 o'clock he and Robinson left the Hotel Jackson and went to the home of Robinson's sister. After going to a saloon they went to the show grounds, where they met their wives, but did not go to the show with them; could not give the time they went into the saloon and joined the women. Robinson killed his wife and a colored man laughed and Robinson started to pull a .44 calibre gun which he had in a belt and the prisoner took the weapon from him. Midgents then described the assault on Officer Nicholson, and said he was shot as he ran through an alley. He exhibited the scar on his left ankle. He gave Robinson's gun back to him and retained a .38 calibre gun which he carried. He went to the home of Robinson's sister and told her he had been shot. He first learned from Robinson's sister that someone else had been shot, but he told her that he did not think any person had been shot. Midgents told the woman he had hit a man with the butt end of a pistol, however. He later went to the race track and remained there until the next afternoon, when he returned to Alexandria feeling sure that no one had been killed. When he got near the Virginia House he saw a crowd and then realized something serious had happened. He then went to Robinson's sister's house again, and she told him a man had been killed and his wife was locked up. She gave him something to eat and he left for Pennsylvania.

When questioned about his statement to Officer Ferguson that he had said if he had killed a man he did not know if he had fired at the ground. The witness said he had not seen Robinson since the night of October 20.

Mr. Brent then took the witness and subjected him to a searching cross-examination. Midgents said he came to Alexandria in September to join Robinson, but remained in this city only about two days in each week. In reference to the fight on the fair grounds he said he hit Nicholson over the head with Robinson's pistol and then ran. He said he threw his overcoat to Robinson. Witness identified his overcoat and an overcoat and hat which he said belonged to Robinson. After being shot he jumped a fence and laid down and Robinson left him at that time. He remained in the yard about fifteen minutes and then went out through a gate. He denies having been behind the fence at Baggett's, as testified by Meeks, and also denied having gone to the Hotel Jackson and put on an ulster which has figured extensively in the trial. He said the statement of Parks on this point was false. Witness said he left the ulster in his room, and the only person who could have gotten it was Robinson. When asked why he hit Nicholson, he said he thought he was a circusman and he wanted to save Robinson, whom Nicholson was beating over the head.

Mr. Boush, one of the jurymen, asked the prisoner if he did not know it was illegal to carry a pistol, and he said "yes," but he carried it to kill other negroes who would kill him.

In answer to a question by Mr. Brent, he said he had no occupation while here before. Several jurors asked the witness as to the height of the fence over which he jumped, and he said it was about his height.

At this juncture the court adjourned for the jury to visit the neighborhood of the shooting. They were accompanied by the prisoner, and Meeks and Policeman Garvey, and a squad of soldiers under command of Capt. Larkin.

On reaching the old fair grounds the jury, prisoner and soldiers walked all over the premises. The prisoner was closely questioned by several of the jurors to all of whom he gave prompt answers. The fence which he testified to as being a board fence over which he climbed on the night of the shooting was found to be a barbed wire fence.

After a careful examination of the ground the jury, soldiers and prisoner marched back to the court room and soon thereafter court took a recess until 8 o'clock that the jurors might have dinner.

When court reconvened Wm. Bailey, colored, and Officer Gill testified, but told nothing new.

When Mr. Gill was excused Mr. Brent was served with a writ of subpoena duces tecum to compel him to produce the photograph by which Garvey identified the prisoner. Mr. Brent produced two photographs and Garvey said they were not the ones.

Mr. Brent was then placed on the stand. He said he had never shown Officer Garvey a photograph and if any one else had he knew nothing of it. Mr. Brent then said he was entitled to ask himself a question and proceeded to explain to the jury that he would have produced the photograph at once if he had known what photograph was wanted.

Mr. Garvey again took the stand and identified one of the pictures as a facsimile of the one shown him by Mayor Paff and said that at the time he made the remark "when you get this man you will have the man that killed Charles Smith."

At 3:45 the Gazette's report closed, and the end of the case was not in sight.

Good Friday.

Today is Good Friday, the most solemn day of the church calendar. Services commemorative of the crucifixion of Christ, 19 centuries ago, are held, and throughout the christian world many men and women, for at least some period of the day, put aside worldly thoughts and give themselves up to appropriate meditation.

Tomorrow is known in the church calendar as Holy Saturday. It is a day of mourning and weeping, and commemorates the descent of Christ's soul into limbo, while his body rests in the grave. In the Catholic churches the principal ceremonies are the solemn blessing of fire and of the water of the baptismal font. Those things of mourning which mark the churches during Lent will be removed during the day in anticipation of Easter Sunday. From the fire that is blessed is lighted the paschal light, which is regarded as a symbol of Christ risen from the dead.

Lost and Found.

Lost, between 9:30 p. m., yesterday and noon today, a billiard attack, with nausea and sick headache. This loss was occasioned by using a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills, the guaranteed cure for biliousness, malaria and jaundice, 25c.

Easter Music.

The following is the programme for the Easter music to be rendered at Christ Church on Sunday:

Processional hymn, No. 109, "Welcome, Happy Morning," A. S. Sullivan; "Christ Our Passover," E. F. Porter; Gloria Patri, Joseph Poznancki; Te Deum, Dudley Buck, (arranged from the Creation); Jubilate Deo, Alfred J. Holden; Introit hymn, No. 111, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," H. K. Shelle; Gloria Tibi, S. Ray; hymn No. 121, "The Strife is Over," Palestrina; offertory, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today," John Wiegand; offertory ascription, S. R. Whitney; Sanctus, J. Sainer; communion hymn No. 225, "Bread of the World," J. S. B. Hodges; Gloria in Excelsis, old chant.

Soprano, Mrs. R. F. Downham; contralto, Mrs. M. W. A. O'Brien; tenor, Mr. Kenneth Ogden; basso, Mr. George H. Evans; organist, Mrs. C. G. Lennon; director, Mrs. M. W. O'Brien.

The following is the programme for the Easter music at St. Paul's Church on Sunday:

Processional hymn No. 516, "Onward Christian Soldiers," Fuller; anthem, "Christ Our Passover," Potter; Gloria Patri, Potter; Te Deum in C, Back; Jubilate in C, Jordan; introit anthem, hymn No. 111, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," Johnson; Kyrie, Elvey; Gloria Tibi, Paxton; hymn No. 121, "The Strife is Over," Mendelssohn; offertory anthem, "In the End of the Sabbath," Gabel; offertory ascription, "All Things Come of Thee O Lord," Whitney; Sanctus, Sainer; hymn No. 231; Gloria in Excelsis, old chant; recessional hymn No. 408, "Jerusalem the Golden," Le Jeune.

Choir: Sopranos, Miss Dorsey Ashton, Miss Janie Ballinger, Miss Ella Barrett, Miss Hattie Creighton, Mrs. Elizabeth De Dier (soloist), Miss Esther Duffey, Miss Bessie Greene, Miss Courtney Greenough, Miss Lillian Kersey, Miss Edith Lindsey, Miss Margarette Milstead, Miss Madge McCraw, Miss Gertrude Pickin, Miss Eda Richardson, Miss Catharine Tennessee, Mrs. Elizabeth Rosson, Mrs. William Woolle; soloists, Miss Mamie Young; altos, Miss Jessie Armstrong, Miss Ruth Bryant, Miss Edith Evans, Mrs. Sherman E. Fowler (soloist), Miss Maude Harding, soloist, Mrs. Charles T. Lindsey, Miss Hallie Makeley, Mrs. Claude Pickin, Mrs. James Reid, tenor, Messrs. Julian Barke, John Chadwick, S. Frank Field, Wilber Maddox (soloist), Horace Ramey, Richard Rittenour, and Benjamin Wheatley; basses, Messrs. William F. Brooks, Arthur Bryant, Algernon Chalmers, Dr. Charles T. Lindsey, Henry Parker, Claude Pickin, Charles Stoler, Charles Tennessee, Wilmer Waller and Richard Wirt (soloist); organist and director, Mr. Sherman B. Fowler; assistant director, Mr. S. Frank Field; librarian, Mr. Benjamin Wheatley; 1st violin, Mr. T. Brooke Ames; 2d violin, Miss Eda Bowers; viola, Mr. Henry F. Barker; cello, Mr. Walter Whitlesey.

Police Court.

[Justice L. H. Thompson presiding.] The following cases were disposed of this morning:

William White, colored, arrested by Officer Henderson charged with obtaining goods under false pretenses, had his case continued.

Henry Allen, colored, arrested by Officer Roberts charged with incorrigibility, was ordered to be sent to the reform school.

Charles Gray, colored, arrested by Lieutenant Bette charged with disorderly conduct, was dismissed.

A white man and four colored men, arrested by Officers Beach, Lyles, Garvey and Bell charged with disorderly conduct, were fined \$2.50 each.

Funerals.

The funeral of the late James L. Howison took place this afternoon from the residence of Mr. George W. Boutz, on north Alfred street. The services were conducted by Rev. W. J. Morton and the pallbearers were Officers Henderson, Young, Arrington, Beach, Talbot and Gill.

The funeral of Mrs. Mamie Hamilton, wife of Mr. C. Frank Hamilton, who died Tuesday night, took place from her home, 211 Wolfe street, this afternoon. Rev. P. P. Phillips, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, officiated and the interment was made in Bethel cemetery.

Personal.

Mrs. F. H. Grillbortzer left last night for Asheville, N. C. where he will spend a few weeks.

Mr. H. H. Kelley, of Alexandria, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. John M. Sessy, on College Hill, (Lynchburg Advance).

Miss Louise Warren Payne, of Lynchburg, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. P. J. Dempsey.

Mrs. Chas. Bendheim and Miss Sophia Bendheim left today for Atlantic City.

Letter of Appreciation.

Officer Ferguson has received a letter from W. Melvin Kepford, Sergeant of Police of Harrisburg, Pa., expressing his appreciation of the courteous treatment he received during his visit to this city. He is especially profuse in his reference to Mayor Paff to whom he expresses his best wishes; also to Lieutenant Smith and Officer Ferguson. The sergeant, among other things, says: "My praise for the southern people cannot be too high."

A Request from Phoenixville. Chief Goods last night received a dispatch from Phoenixville, Pa., requesting that the authorities of this city hurry up the confession of George Midgents (William Johnson) concerning the recent murder of a baker in that city by a negro supposed to be Frank Robinson, who is said to have been accompanied by Johnson at the time of the murder.

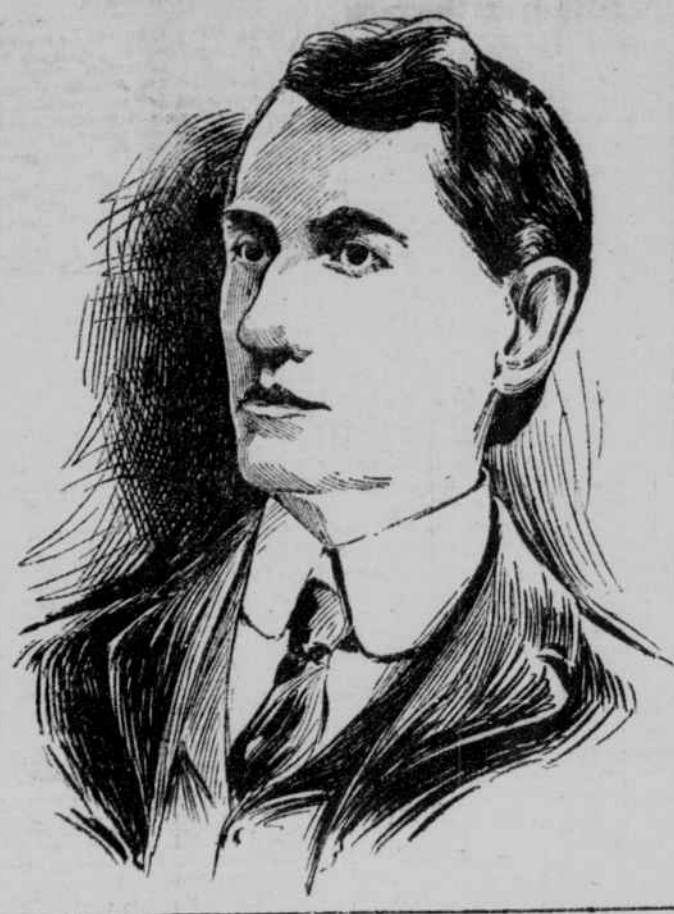
Passover.

The Jewish feast of the Passover will begin this evening, and services will be held in the synagogue on north Washington street tonight.

Cake and Apron Sale.

The Junior Daughters of the Mary Custis Lee Chapter U. D. C., will have on Saturday March 30th, from 8 to 5 p. m. at Confederate Veterans Hall, one of their attractive cake and apron sales. You will find the cake home made and delicious and the aprons of all kinds. Ten cents will be charged for admission which includes refreshments.

The temperature today has been like that of summer, the mercury at noon registering 80°.



R. LINDSAY GORDON.

[The following sketch of the life of Mr. Gordon has been prepared by the Grand Democratic Club of Louisa, Va., and is submitted to the democrats of this district.]

The subject of this sketch is fifty-two years of age. He was reared on a farm near Germanna Ford, in Orange county, Va., with an interval of two years residence in Culpeper county, Va., and from boyhood took actual part in the daily labor of a farm life. His earliest recollections are those of witnessing invading armies and of the devastations of war by which his own home was laid waste. His early manhood fell in those times of reconstruction which tried and tested men. He was one of a family of eight children and never flinched from any sacrifice in aiding his father and mother in the maintenance and support of the family, and was from his youth their unsparing and chief dependence. In that stern struggle with poverty, in the then existing chaos of social and political life, he developed that fearless integrity of character and absolute honesty of purpose which has distinguished him through life.

The foundation of his education was obtained in the local and public schools of the vicinity of his home in Orange and Culpeper.

At the age of twenty-one he decided to adopt the law as a profession, and being without the means to attend college he taught in the public schools of Fauquier county, Va., for two years, in order to accumulate sufficient money to pay his board away from home while studying law.

In 1878, at the age of twenty-three, he commenced reading law in the office of his uncle, Mr. James L. Gordon, at Louisa, Va., the latter being then Commonwealth's attorney of Louisa county. He was admitted to the bar of Louisa county in 1879. He has resided at Louisa and practiced his profession there and in the adjoining counties ever since. He has made a success of his profession but has never become so engrossed in it as to lose his interest in or sympathy with those in other vocations.

At all times Mr. Gordon has taken an active part in political life. He has been a consistent democrat; has never failed to vote with his party; has, unceasingly and fearlessly advocated its principles, privately and upon the stump, not only in his own county but throughout the district and elsewhere in the State; and has thus rendered the cause of good government long and valuable services.

Mr. Gordon was elected Commonwealth's attorney of Louisa county in 1890, and has been re-elected to that

office continuously from that date to the present time over strong competition. When the recent constitutional convention was decided upon, Mr. Gordon was one of those who felt that it was of transcendent importance to the State of Virginia that its suffrage should be purged of the corrupt and corrupting influence of the purchasable negro vote. In announcing himself as candidate for membership in the convention he made this the chief plank in his platform, — the others being strict economy in the administration of the affairs of the State and the making of all the interests in the State, corporate and private, bear their just, and on their just proportion of the public burdens. He made it plain that he was in favor of submitting the new constitution when framed to the vote of the electorate, which should be prescribed by it, for adoption or rejection, but that he was unalterably opposed to submitting it to an electorate which should include those disfranchised by the instrument itself.

Upon this platform Mr. Gordon was elected to the constitutional convention and there consistently and ably advocated the positions upon which he was elected thereto. He took an especially active part upon the suffrage question in that body, both in committee and upon the floor.

When the new constitution was framed (the composite result necessarily of opposing ideas, not in all things meeting Mr. Gordon's wishes), he advocated its submission to the vote of the electorate prescribed thereby. When this was seen to be unattainable he consulted his constituency anew upon this question; and a regularly called and numerously attended and representative convention of the democrats of Louisa county, by unanimous vote, instructed him to vote for the proclamation of the new constitution; and hence he so cast his vote.

Such, in outline, is the life of the subject of this sketch and upon it his friends confidently submit his candidacy for the democratic nomination for Congress to the democrats of the Eighth district.

As will be seen from the above, Mr. Gordon has won his success in life in actual contact with difficulties and in varied vocations which have kept him at all times in close contact with the body of the people as a whole, rather than with any particular interests. Therefore, if elected a representative in Congress, he can be safely depended upon to fearlessly and fairly represent all of the interests of all of his constituents.

THE GORDON DEMOCRATIC CLUB.
GEO. V. CAMERON, Pres.
JAMES E. PORTER, 1st V. Pres.
W. C. BIBB, 2nd V. Pres.
JAMES E. HESTER, Secy.

LOCAL BREVITIES.
Monday, April 1st, is the last day to save discount on gas bills for quarter ending, March 1st. See notice of clerk of gas.

The Alexandria Athletic Association basketball team will play the Chocoma, Cadet team of Washington tomorrow night.

In the Corporation Court today Mrs. Lucy V. McCleary was appointed administratrix of her late husband, Alvin E. McCleary.

The Fairfax Supervisors have decided that they have no right to permit Gen. Washington's will to be exhibited at the Jamestown Exposition.

Messrs. McMillan & Son have topped off two fine brick houses at Duke and Payne streets. The houses are fitted with all modern improvements.

Mr. William A. Underwood, seventy-eight years old, of Alexandria county, died yesterday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Roberts, near St. Asaph.

The electric company has grounded one of its wires on the water plug pipe at the corner of Prince and St. Asaph street, making a dangerous condition of affairs there, and the authorities have been notified.

Mr. H. Bloch, 615 King street, is now receiving orders for Easter delicacies. He is ready to furnish all varieties of ice cream, cakes, pastry, &c., at short notice.

The M. Schuler Beef Company are displaying the first Spring Lamb of the season, Home Killed Beef, Mutton, Pork, &c.; an abundance of early spring vegetables — asparagus, snap beans, peas, cauliflower, rhubarb, spinach, lettuce, tomatoes, beets, cymilings, early York cabbage, &c., all at lowest figures.

Geo. K. Bender will have a fine lot of fresh vegetables at his stand in the market tomorrow, such as New Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Celery, Lettuce, New Potatoes, Asparagus, and a fine lot of Strawberries.

Select Lynnhaven Bay Hard Crabs at Opera House Cafe; 40c per dozen.

Come and see my beautiful Easter Flowers before making your purchases — Hyacinths, Tulips, Narcissus, Jonquills, Carnations, Violets, Spiras and Easter Lilies. Prices reasonable. Geo. K. Bender, Stall No. 6, City Market. Bell Phone 156. feb 26/07

Oysters fried, steamed or raw. Fried clams. Dishing room open on Sunday during oyster season. Clean Soup three times a week. C. H. Zimmermann, Market Square. feb 26/07

office continuously from that date to the present time over strong competition. When the recent constitutional convention was decided upon, Mr. Gordon was one of those who felt that it was of transcendent importance to the State of Virginia that its suffrage should be purged of the corrupt and corrupting influence of the purchasable negro vote. In announcing himself as candidate for membership in the convention he made this the chief plank in his platform, — the others being strict economy in the administration of the affairs of the State and the making of all the interests in the State, corporate and private, bear their just, and on their just proportion of the public burdens. He made it plain that he was in favor of submitting the new constitution when framed to the vote of the electorate, which should be prescribed by it, for adoption or rejection, but that he was unalterably opposed to submitting it to an electorate which should include those disfranchised by the instrument itself.

Upon this platform Mr. Gordon was elected to the constitutional convention and there consistently and ably advocated the positions upon which he was elected thereto. He took an especially active part upon the suffrage question in that body, both in committee and upon the floor.

When the new constitution was framed (the composite result necessarily of opposing ideas, not in all things meeting Mr. Gordon's wishes), he advocated its submission to the vote of the electorate prescribed thereby. When this was seen to be unattainable he consulted his constituency anew upon this question; and a regularly called and numerously attended and representative convention of the democrats of Louisa county, by unanimous vote, instructed him to vote for the proclamation of the new constitution; and hence he so cast his vote.

Such, in outline, is the life of the subject of this sketch and upon it his friends confidently submit his candidacy for the democratic nomination for Congress to the democrats of the Eighth district.

As will be seen from the above, Mr. Gordon has won his success in life in actual contact with difficulties and in varied vocations which have kept him at all times in close contact with the body of the people as a whole, rather than with any particular interests. Therefore, if elected a representative in Congress, he can be safely depended upon to fearlessly and fairly represent all of the interests of all of his constituents.

THE GORDON DEMOCRATIC CLUB.
GEO. V. CAMERON, Pres.
JAMES E. PORTER, 1st V. Pres.
W. C. BIBB, 2nd V. Pres.
JAMES E. HESTER, Secy.

LOCAL BREVITIES.
Monday, April 1st, is the last day to save discount on gas bills for quarter ending, March 1st. See notice of clerk of gas.

The Alexandria Athletic Association basketball team will play the Chocoma, Cadet team of Washington tomorrow night.

In the Corporation Court today Mrs. Lucy V. McCleary was appointed administratrix of her late husband, Alvin E. McCleary.

The Fairfax Supervisors have decided that they have no right to permit Gen. Washington's will to be exhibited at the Jamestown Exposition.

Messrs. McMillan & Son have topped off two fine brick houses at Duke and Payne streets. The houses are fitted with all modern improvements.

Mr. William A. Underwood, seventy-eight years old, of Alexandria county, died yesterday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Roberts, near St. Asaph.

The electric company has grounded one of its wires on the water plug pipe at the corner of Prince and St. Asaph street, making a dangerous condition of affairs there, and the authorities have been notified.

Mr. H. Bloch, 615 King street, is now receiving orders for Easter delicacies. He is ready to furnish all varieties of ice cream, cakes, pastry, &c., at short notice.

The M. Schuler Beef Company are displaying the first Spring Lamb of the season, Home Killed Beef, Mutton, Pork, &c.; an abundance of early spring vegetables — asparagus, snap beans, peas, cauliflower, rhubarb, spinach, lettuce, tomatoes, beets, cymilings, early York cabbage, &c., all at lowest figures.

Geo. K. Bender will have a fine lot of fresh vegetables at his stand in the market tomorrow, such as New Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Celery, Lettuce, New Potatoes, Asparagus, and a fine lot of Strawberries.

Select Lynnhaven Bay Hard Crabs at Opera House Cafe; 40c per dozen.

Come and see my beautiful Easter Flowers before making your purchases — Hyacinths, Tulips, Narcissus, Jonquills, Carnations, Violets, Spiras and Easter Lilies. Prices reasonable. Geo. K. Bender, Stall No. 6, City Market. Bell Phone 156. feb 26/07

Oysters fried, steamed or raw. Fried clams. Dishing room open on Sunday during oyster season. Clean Soup three times a week. C. H. Zimmermann, Market Square. feb 26/07

office continuously from that date to the present time over strong competition. When the recent constitutional convention was decided upon, Mr. Gordon was one of those who felt that it was of transcendent importance to the State of Virginia that its suffrage should be purged of the corrupt and corrupting influence of the purchasable negro vote. In announcing himself as candidate for membership in the convention he made this the chief plank in his platform, — the others being strict economy in the administration of the affairs of the State and the making of all the interests in the State, corporate and private, bear their just, and on their just proportion of the public burdens. He made it plain that he was in favor of submitting the new constitution when framed to the vote of the electorate, which should be prescribed by it, for adoption or rejection, but that he was unalterably opposed to submitting it to an electorate which should include those disfranchised by the instrument itself.

Upon this platform Mr. Gordon was elected to the constitutional convention and there consistently and ably advocated the positions upon which he was elected thereto. He took an especially active part upon the suffrage question in that body, both in committee and upon the floor.

When the new constitution was framed (the composite result necessarily of opposing ideas, not in all things meeting Mr. Gordon's wishes), he advocated its submission to the vote of the electorate prescribed thereby. When this was seen to be unattainable he consulted his constituency anew upon this question; and a regularly called and numerously attended and representative convention of the democrats of Louisa county, by unanimous vote, instructed him to vote for the proclamation of the new constitution; and hence he so cast his vote.

Such, in outline, is the life of the subject of this sketch and upon it his friends confidently submit his candidacy for the democratic nomination for Congress to the democrats of the Eighth district.

As will be seen from the above, Mr. Gordon has won his success in life in actual contact with difficulties and in varied vocations which have kept him at all times in close contact with the body of the people as a whole, rather than with any particular interests. Therefore, if elected a representative in Congress, he can be safely depended upon to fearlessly and fairly represent all of the interests of all of his constituents.

EDW. L. DAINGERFIELD, President.
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT, Vice President.
CARROLL PIERCE, Cashier.

Citizens' National Bank

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Capital, \$100,000. Surplus and Profits, \$100,000.

U. S. DEPOSITORY.

Letters of Credit drawn on Brown, Shipley & Co., London.

DIRECTORS:

EDWARD L. DAINGERFIELD,
WM. H. LAMBERT,
WORTH HULFISH,
M. A. AHERN,
CARROLL PIERCE.

Those appreciating the services of a conservatively managed bank are invited to open accounts with us.

CORSETS.

New line of American Lady Corsets at 50c to \$1.00. The latest shapes. Also see the Invisible Lacing Corset.

A. C. SLAYMAKER,
429 KING STREET.

Myers Brothers,
115 NORTH PITT STREET.

Wheelwrighting, Blacksmithing, Rubber Tiring, Carriage and Wagon Painting and Trimming
All Neatly and Promptly Done.

WAGONS MADE TO ORDER a specialty. Dealers in the reliable